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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

77th meeting.

January 9, 1905.

The Society listened to a communication by Mr. W. Dawson Johnston, author of the recently published history of the Library of Congress, on the various efforts to establish a free library in this city. The subject was discussed by Mr. J. Ormond Wilson, and Vice-President Spofford who occupied the chair. The audience numbered about 45 members and guests. The evening closed with the annual reports and elections, Messrs. M. I. Weller and W. B. Bryan acting as tellers for the latter.

78th meeting.

February 13, 1905.

Mr. Allen C. Clark, author of "Greenfield and Law in the Federal City," read a communication on William Duane, public printer and bookseller in the early days of Washington City. The subject was discussed by Mr. W. B. Bryan and Vice-President Spofford. President Kasson announced the passing by both Houses of Congress of the bill "To mark the grave of Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant," in which project the Society has taken such an interest and to secure which, one of the Board of Managers has devoted so much of his time and thought. Present about 95 members and guests.

79th meeting.

March 14, 1905.

The third in the series of communications on the history of the various religious denominations in the District of Columbia, which is being specially written for this Society, was presented by Mr. Arthur S. Browne, his subject being "The Rise of the Episcopal Church in the District."

The discussion of the subject which followed was partici-

pated in by Mrs. Ballinger and Messrs. Weller, Bryan, Davis, Spofford and W. Mosby Williams.

President Kasson occupied the chair, and there were present about 55 members and guests.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Max Lansburgh, those present were presented with an interesting booklet, "Historic Points of Interest in the District."

80th meeting.

April 10, 1905.

Mr. Allan B. Slauson, Chief of the Periodical Division, Library of Congress, presented the communication of the evening taking as his subject "Curious Customs of the Past as Gleaned from the Early Issues of Newspapers in the District of Columbia."

The subject was discussed by Mr. Weller, Mr. Bryan, and President Kasson who occupied the chair. Present about 50 members and guests.

81st meeting.

May 8, 1905.

The communication of the evening was by Mr. Francis C. Huebner, of the Post Office Department, and dealt with the development of the Postal Service of the United States.

The subject was discussed by Messrs W. B. Bryan, J. Tileston Granger, William Henry Dennis, M. I. Weller, J. Blakeslee-Johnston and Mrs. M. S. Beall. Corresponding Secretary Weller presided and there were present about 50 members and guests.

82nd meeting.

November 13, 1905.

Vice-President A. R. Spofford delivered the communication of the evening, his theme being "Eloquence of Congress: Some Historic Notes"; Vice President Hagner moved a vote of thanks.

President Kasson occupied the chair and there were present about 90 members and guests.

83rd meeting.

December 11, 1905.

The communication of the evening was by Mr. W. B. Bryan, Chronicler of the Society, who under the head of "A Fire in

an Old-Time F Street Tavern, and What it Disclosed," grouped many miscellaneous items of interest. The various subjects touched upon were discussed by Miss E. B. Johnston, Mrs. Ballinger and Messrs. Kasson, Blount, Weller, Zevly, Riggs, Keefer and Blakeslee-Johnson.

President Kasson in the chair; present about 90 members and guests.